

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

18 SEPTEMBER 2022

PARISH VISION

We are called to reveal the Light of Christ to the world

INTERIM MASS TIMETABLE: 18—25 SEPTEMBER

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong

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| Monday, 19 Sep | Mass: 6.45am |
| Tuesday, 20 Sep | Mass: 6.45am |
| Wednesday, 21 Sep | Mass: 6.45am |
| Thursday, 22 Sep | Mass: 6.45am |
| Friday, 23 Sep | Mass: 6.45am |
| Saturday, 24 Sep | No Confessions |
| Sunday, 25 Sep | Mass: 6.45am & 7.30pm |

St Brigid's, Gwynneville

Saturday, 24 Sep Mass: 7pm

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow

Sunday, 25 Sep Mass: 7pm

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie

Sunday, 25 Sep Mass: 8.30 & 10am

Mass: 4.30pm (Vietnamese)



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC PARISH

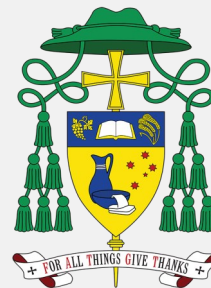
MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE ...

Deceased members of our parish, Queen Elizabeth II, Bridget & Christopher Armitage, Michael De Battista, Patricia Bellinato, Marika La Riva, John McMahon, George Tadros, John Hubbard, Mary Margaret Cox, Bertilla Mazzaro and David Lear, Frank & Mary Gray.

MAY GOD BLESS

OUR SICK PARISHIONERS ...

Bishop Peter Ingham, Isobel Joseph, Gerard Gray, Clare Johnson, Ross Abbott, Jan Coulson, Noel & Therese Rouse, Nikiesha Thorton, Tony Moriarty, Veronica Bowman, Angela Mosley, Angela Sirc, Mounir Germanos, Maria Do, Dianne Hukins, Sue McAlary, Margaret Gray, Christine Bulters, Matthew Johnson, Suzy May Gellel, Lordna Omiping, Dr Madeleine Cincotta, Elenka Egan, Dr John Frey, Johnny Dimise, Francisco Santos, Ada Raynor, Denise Mastro, Jadon Kalp, Amanda Dennis, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood, Karl Llorin, Sue Freestone, Ardell Sharpe, Joseph Scalia, Lilia Pelino, Don Alanis, Jacquie Brady, Brian Brennan, Bill Keirse, Jessica Sparks, Pat Carr, Bruce Creenaune, Catherine Cox, Frances McMahon, Joan O'Dowd, Margaret Bartley, Jan Newman.



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COUNCILS

Lisa de Paiva, Chair of the Pastoral Council
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We show our respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country, Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

In our parish & around the diocese

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon, 19 Sept—Fri, 23 Sept: Parish Office closed
Mon, 26 Sep: Normal Liturgy schedule resumes
Sun, 2 Oct: Hospitality Weekend
Tue, 4 Oct: Feast of St Francis of Assisi, SFX 10am
Thu, 6 Oct: Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
8/9 Oct: Bishop's Annual Appeal
Tue, 25 Oct: Finance Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm
Thu, 3 Nov: Parish Lunch, Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow 12pm
Tue, 1 Nov: All Saints Mass SFX 7am & SJV 9.30am
Wed, 2 Nov: All Souls Mass SFX 7am & 12.10pm
Sun, 6 Nov: Hospitality Weekend
Fri, 25 Nov: Pastoral Council Mtg, Rigney Room 5.30pm
Sat, 26 Nov: Messiah Concert, SFX 2pm (Details coming soon)
Sun, 27 Nov: First Sunday of Advent
Thu, 1 Dec: Parish Dinner, Fraternity Club 6.30pm
Sat, 3 Dec: Feast of St Francis Xavier
Sun, 4 Dec: Hospitality Weekend
Fri, 9 Dec: Christmas Carols, Cathedral Grounds 6.30pm

SACRAMENTS

- **Baptisms:** By appointment only (contact the parish office during office hours for details)
- **Marriages:** A preliminary appointment needs to be made at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date (**No Sunday weddings**)
- For Pastoral and Sacramental needs, please contact the parish office during office hours

HELPFUL LINKS

- **Mass on Demand:** lumenchristi.org.au
- **Mass/Prayer Intentions:** lumenchristi.org.au/intentions
- **Light a Votive Candle:** lumenchristi.org.au/votive
- **Census Form:** lumenchristi.org.au/census
- **Online Donations:** lumenchristi.org.au/donate
- **Online Payments:** lumenchristi.org.au/payment
- **Join Planned Giving:** lumenchristi.org.au/support
- **Columbarium:** lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium
- **Sacramental Programme:** lumenchristi.org.au/sacramental
- **Privacy Policy:** privacy.lumenchristi.org.au
- **St Brigid's School:** sbgdow.catholic.edu.au
- **Good Samaritan School:** gsfmdow.catholic.edu.au

PARISH EFT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

CHURCH ACCOUNT

(Donations & Planned Giving)

BSB: 066 711 **Account:** 008056

Account Name: Lumen Christi Parish

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

(For the Clergy)

BSB: 066 711 **Account:** 002286

Account Name: Lumen Christi Parish Presbytery

PARISH MAINTENANCE ISSUES UPDATE #3

Over the past few weeks our parish office and cathedral house has had major repairs.

Works that have been completed:

- investigation of water ingress
- removal & replacement of box gutters
- removal & replacement of new fascia
- removal of asbestos and replacement of eaves
- installation of additional downpipes
- treatment and removal of concrete cancer
- render & painting the treated and repaired areas of concrete cancer
- tidy and clean up of the garden/grassed areas
- painting of the eaves, fascia & downpipes
- repairs to exterior lighting

Works that are currently in progress:

- repairs to the cathedral carpark retaining wall

Works that have been identified that require attention:

- rot in exterior facing around the presbytery
- rot on the presbytery veranda exterior flooring
- corrosion on presbytery gas pipes

Timely and effective maintenance is essential to ensure that our church buildings can continue to best serve their present communities and future generations. As stewards of these assets, our parish needs to establish a maintenance and development framework to monitor property conditions and undertake repairs or improvements as necessary.

Fr Bernard Gordon

BLESSING OF NEW VESTMENTS

Fr Bernard Gordon will bless the new vestments at Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie on 2nd October during the 10am Mass. Thank you to those who have contributed towards these new vestments for Mater Dolorosa.



PUBLIC HOLIDAY—22 SEPTEMBER



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced that this Thursday 22nd September will be a Public Holiday to honour the Queen's death. R.I.P.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to the 2022 UCI Road World Championships this week the parish office will be closed from Monday 19th September to Friday 26th September. If you have any urgent matters to discuss, please contact Leanne by phoning or emailing the parish office.

For more information on bequests please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/bequest

In our parish & around the diocese



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 8/9 OCTOBER 2022

“Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired and retiring clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop.

I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated.”

A leaving collection will be taken up after the Masses on 8/9 October to help support this diocesan appeal.

Find out more at www.dow.org.au/giving

+ Bishop Brian Mascord

LAUDATO SI' MEMORIAL GARDEN



You are warmly invited to the blessing of the LAUDATO SI' GARDEN - located at the front of the parish office to help everyone contemplate the beauty of creation and our responsibility to care for it as a gift from God — on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Tuesday 4th October at 10am, followed by refreshments hosted by the Catholic Women's League.

LUMEN CHRISTI PARISH DINNER: 1 DEC 2022

You are warmly invited to our first Lumen Christi parish dinner, to be celebrated later this year on **Thursday 1st December at 6.30pm** at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow, where we will celebrate together as one parish community!

Tickets are \$55.00 Per Head

Make a table of 10 or join a table of 10

SOMEONE WILL WIN THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE OF \$500 CASH!

To purchase your tickets please visit our parish website.

Go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/parishdinner

Tickets will be on sale after our Sunday Masses commencing 1st & 2nd October or contact the parish office.

Don't miss out!

THANK YOU!

Almost 100 people attended the recent Diocesan Catholic Women's League High Tea on Saturday 3rd September. This was a truly successful and well organised event. A very special thank you to all those who organised this excellent fundraiser. We are looking to more tea highs in the future!

MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

Mater Dolorosa, Balgownie, celebrated 113 years of faith life in the foothills of the escarpment on Thursday 16th September. Happy Feast Day to our Lumen Christi Parishioners at Mater Dolorosa.

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary. It is an opportunity for us to recommit ourselves to this most beautiful prayer by which we contemplate the saving life, death, and resurrection of Christ, our Saviour.

NOVEMBER MASSES

If you would like Mass offered for your deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors, please print their names clearly on an envelope so that it can be entered accurately into the Books of the Deceased. Envelopes are available at each of our church doors, at the Lumen Christi Office or go to: lumenchristi.org.au/NovemberMass

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT LUMEN CHRISTI

Our parish and our parish schools of St Brigid's and Good Samaritan will be hosting Christmas Carols in the Cathedral Grounds on Friday 9th December 2022 at 6.30pm. Parishioners and visitors will need to register online for their attendance at www.lumenchristi.org.au/Christmas or contact the parish office.

Thank you to our parish schools who will lead us in celebrating the Christmas spirit and joyously singing Christmas carols.

Various food vans will be onsite for this wonderful event and our Wollongong and Fairy Meadow CWL branches will be selling raffle tickets prior to and at the event for \$2.00 each.

Prizes are: 1st Prize - \$500 cash

2nd Prize - St George Dragons General Admission Family Pass and Merchandise Pack (6 games)
Valued at \$285

3rd Prize - Figtree Gourmet Kitchen Dinner Voucher
Valued at \$200

Plus 5 hampers to be won

For more information on our Columbarium please visit: lumenchristi.org.au/columbarium

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Am 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! *(R.)*
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? *(R.)*
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. *(R.)*

Second Reading

1 Tm 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it

and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Reversal of Fortunes

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's Magnificat).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are passing, so that we may be received into the eternal habitation.

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